



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Early morning apartment fire in 800 block Cliff dr.**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – 12/11/11**

Santa Barbara City Firefighters responded to an early morning apartment fire located in the 800 block of Cliff Drive. First call to dispatch came in at 05:28 hours on 12/11/11 from the residence of the involved unit. The first arriving engine on scene reported active flames and smoke coming from a second story apartment window. Additional fire personnel were requested by on scene Battalion Chief.

Crews conducted an aggressive fire attack pulling a charged line into the apartment and extinguishing the fire. Firefighters along with the assistance of Santa Barbara Police Department personnel, evacuated the remaining tenants of the large apartment building. A total of 12 people were initially evacuated from the building during the incident.

All tenants were able to return into their apartments except the involved unit. Red Cross representatives were on scene providing assistance to the displaced tenants.

The fire investigation determined the fire originated in the kitchen area and was accidental in nature. Initial estimates of the fire damage is set at \$35,000. A total of 22 fire personnel were on scene during the incident. No injuries were reported.

Santa Barbara City Fire Department would like to remind citizens to be aware of combustibles located near heating equipment during the cold winter.

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